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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STATINTL FROM : [REDACTED]
ISAS/Declassification Staff

SUBJECT: Conversations with [REDACTED] (OC) on
Declassification

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On the afternoon of 26 April, I received a call from [REDACTED] OC Declassification Focal Point Officer. He called to inform me that his office had determined that only one small collection of records existed in the Records Center for which they still had oversight. He therefore wanted to know if these records could be reviewed. I said that this would be satisfactory and he therefore said that he would discuss the matter with his colleagues.

Upon visiting the AARC, on 27 April, I determined that there were 54 feet of permanent OC records in the Archives (40 of which consisted of a monthly report file, dated from 1948 to 1974) and approximately 700 feet in the Records Center, approximately 260 of which are on permanent retention. Much was not readily identified.

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An appointment was made with [REDACTED] for the afternoon of 28 April. At that time, I discussed the extent of the OC holdings with him, the OC Records Officer [REDACTED] and two others. I also discussed the current survey project (and how it differed from a computer list) to identify the informational content of files being conducted in the Archives. I added that the 30 year period was expected to drop to twenty by an Executive Order due in June. In the course of the meeting I emphasized that it was information, not documents, that require declassification action. In his judgement, much of the technical information originated by OC would require continued protection. My comment was that the guidelines should be designed to enable reviewers to identify such material for continued protection. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that approval of the OC Records Schedule (changing many files to temporary retention) would vastly simplify the

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review of OC records. He wondered therefore if action on its approval could not be speeded up. He also asked if the existing Agency rule on not releasing names of personnel on grounds of privacy would apply in the declassification program. I replied that I was not in a position to make that decision. Although apparently not wishing to become involved in the survey, the OC representatives were willing to have the Archives personnel examine their records in the Center. promised that guideline ideas and survey authorization would be forthcoming.

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